

*[English]***Air Fare Concession to Tourists by Indian Airlines**

2929. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines grants air fare concession to tourists visiting certain tourist centres in the country;

(b) if so, the names of these places and the percentage of tourist concession made available therefor;

(c) the details of requests received to grant air fare concession to tourists which are still pending with the Government; and

(d) the time by which decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Indian Airlines does not grant concession in fare to tourists for any specific tourist centre although certain special fares are available to tourists visiting India.

(c) No such proposal is pending with the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

*[Translation]***Air Link for Ajmer**

2930. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal to provide air link for Ajmer in view of its international importance and to boost tourism;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Because of the losses being sustained by it, Vayudoot is not in a position to provide any new air link at this stage. Moreover, the National Airports Authority is also facing acute shortage of resources. Therefore, there is no possibility of an airport being constructed at Ajmer at the present juncture.

Facilities to Tourists at Ajmer and Pushkar

2931. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the foreign tourists visiting India are eager to visit Ajmer and Pushkar in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details of facilities being provided/proposed to be provided to the tourists at these places?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Many of the foreign tourists having religious and cultural interest evince a desire to visit Ajmer and Pushkar. Development of tourist facilities is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. However, the Central Government extends financial assistance based on specific proposals of State Governments, their merit, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The